

**P-20 Council Meeting Notes**  
Buck Library, Buena Vista Conference Center  
New Castle, DE  
Monday, April 7, 2014

**Welcome**

State Board of Education President Teri Quinn Gray welcomed Council members as she called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. She announced that the Governor would be joining the Council members at approximately 1 p.m. Other items on the meeting agenda were highlighted.

Members present: Teri Quinn Gray, Donna Johnson, Mark Murphy, Peggy Bottorff, Alton Thompson, Joanne Damminger, Colleen DiRaddo, Jim Wilson, Representative Darryl Scott, Senator Dave Sokola, Lindsay O'Mara, Nick Marsini, Rodney Brittingham, Rhonda Ringer, Deborah Gottschalk, and Ashley Dalzell-Gray.

Others present: Melissa Hopkins, Rod Ward, Meredith Seitz, Paul Herdman

Presenters: Pat Bush and Shana Payne

**P-20 Council Business – Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Ms. Johnson noted that minutes from the January meeting of the P-20 Council had been distributed to all Council members. Since a quorum of the membership was present, she asked that the minutes be approved as distributed. A motion was made by Nick Marsini to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Senator Dave Sokola and carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Ed Insight Dashboard and Data Governance Initiatives**

Pat Bush, Director of Technology Resources and Data at the Department, provided an update to the P-20 Council on the Ed Insight Dashboard. Memorandums of Understanding with the institutes of higher education are complete and data is being loaded into the warehouse. He provided a view of what information is available to teachers on their students. Mr. Bush explained the data flow process and how 23,000,000 records are evaluated nightly which takes about six to seven hours. The Council was briefed on the Early Learning Insight Core Dashboard which is a joint initiative with the Department of Education and the Office of Early Learning.

**Race to the Top Grant Update**

Governor Jack Markell presented Delaware's Race to the Top Update to the members of P-20 Council. He spoke of the strong foundation the State has built through the Race to the Top grant. The Governor stated that the first thing the State did was to raise the bar and the standards students had to meet. Four years later progress has been made and teachers and students are

getting the support needed and now it is time to take it to the next level. The Governor addressed the data that is available and how teachers use that data in PLCs. PLCs have been praised for their value as professional development. The update also touched on teacher evaluation, teacher retention, Common Core, STEM, language immersion programs and college and career readiness. The Governor noted that the sustainability of RTTT is based on the foundation built and the systems created that can be maintained. He stated that Delaware has showed that it is ready to make real change.

### **College Access Initiatives**

Shana Payne updated the P-20 Council on college access initiatives. She provided a recap of the “Getting to Zero” campaign that was presented to the Council in the fall. That previous update noted that 18% of students deemed college ready in the State of Delaware do not even enroll. The Getting to Zero campaign is focusing on all students that score at 1500 on their SAT to apply for college as also assists with FAFSA. Ms. Payne highlighted college application month and commented that 243 volunteers assisted students throughout the state with their applications. Delaware will be celebrating Decision Day on May 1<sup>st</sup> throughout many schools as students celebrate where they will attend college. The Council was brought up to date on how the Higher Education Office is tracking the application process and the financial aid process. Through this process counselors received training and have requested additional training next year for FAFSA. The Council also received information on scholarship applications noting that 1261 scholarships for SCIP were received, 3156 for SEED and 486 for INSPIRE.

### **State Board of Education Literacy Campaign**

Donna Johnson, Executive Director of the State Board of Education, highlighted the State Board’s Literacy Campaign which was presented at the last P-20 Council meeting. The State Board believes that in order to increase the number of students ready for college, career and citizenship, it is imperative that there is focus on the level of literacy necessary to ensure success.

Secretary Murphy thanked the Council members for attending and the presenters. The next meeting of the P-20 Council is scheduled for July 7, 2014 at Noon.